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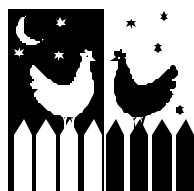
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NATIONAL BROILER MARKET AT-A-GLANCE

Majority prices were mixed, but mostly unchanged. Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand covered the full range, mostly slow to fair for retail, but better for food service, especially fast food outlets over the weekend. Supplies were adequate to ample and discounted at times to help move. In the parts structure, bone-in breasts were in better balance ranging adequate to closely cleared, and wings continued to be in the strongest position with supplies tight to sufficient. All other parts were at least adequate with light interest. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were mixed, mostly desirable.

Final report of prices negotiated for trucklot sales of ready-to-cook broiler/fryers delivered to first receivers at major market areas week of 01/08-01/13/01 (cents per lb)

AREAS	US GRADE A		COMPOSITE		
	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS	WTD AVG	LOADS
Bos/New Eng	50.00-51.00	50.97	16	55.30	25
Chicago	49.00-53.00	51.77	43	53.67	74
Cincinnati	TFEWR	—	—	58.43	23
Cleveland	TFEWR	—	—	61.46	13
Denver	65.50	65.44	17	65.96	20
Detroit	50.00-54.00	52.38	16	55.18	41
Los Angeles	66.00	64.13	64	60.88	118
New York	49.00-51.00	49.89	36	54.22	65
Philadelphia	48.00-50.00	49.39	9	50.90	20
Pittsburgh	49.00-51.00	50.27	11	56.29	54
St. Louis	51.25-51.50	50.94	17	52.60	37
San Francisco	66.50	65.72	30	67.56	58

Composite 12 City Weighted Average

Loads	01/08/01	Change/Last Wk	01/01/01	01/10/00
548	57.43	0.26	57.17	56.51

WOG BROILERS (without giblets) - prices paid per lb delvd to first receivers in trucklot and less than trucklot quantities.

REGIONS	MAJORITY	WTD AVG	LOADS
East	55.50-60.00	59.87	44
Central	52.00-59.00	56.89	63
West	50.00-62.00	58.39	51

Southeast Area FOB Dock Equivalent

Mississippi	58.00-61.00	61.12	85
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GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for this week's trading is 61.50 cents based on ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds.

LOADS	RANGE	MONDAY FINAL WTD AVG FOB DOCK OR EQUIVALENT
1,136	49.00-62.75	60.32

The Georgia f.o.b. dock confirmed final weighted average prices on ice packed parts:

ITEM	WTD AVG (CENTS PER POUND)	VOLUME (000 POUNDS)
BREASTS - B/S	128.00	4,757
BREASTS - WHOLE	59.00	1,560
THIGH MEAT - B/S	81.00	775
LEG QUARTERS	23.00	9,456
WINGS	87.50	3,104

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NORTHEAST REGION BROILER/FRYER Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole birds was no better than fair as dealers assessed the market entering the week. Offerings of all sizes ranged adequate to ample. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair at best. The market tone was cautiously steady. In the parts complex, wings remained in close balance. Bone-in breast were in better balance than a week earlier. The balance of parts were at least adequate.

SOUTHERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Trade sentiment was steady at best. Demand following the weekend was slow to fair with first of the month not as effective as hoped. Supplies were at least adequate, more available for wogs. In the parts structure, wings continued well cleared with strong movement. Breast items were mixed, better balanced to close for fronts and bone-in breasts, and dark meat was more than sufficient for the light demand. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

WESTERN REGION BROILER/FRYERS Final majority prices were unchanged. Trading for this week's deliveries generally at unchanged prices on regular commitments with new negotiation in a mixed range. Offerings generally adequate. Demand by stores moderate, restaurants good best by fast food. Dealers reported moderate weekend carryovers. Breasts were in a steadier position, wings remained firm, leg quarters barely steady. Parts trading reported for delivery into California: leg quarters 4/10s mainly 22.5 bulk 20-21.5, bone-in breasts 60-66, boneless breasts 110-116; less than trucklot boneless thigh 75, boneless leg meat 69, whole legs 43. The Los Angeles negotiated WOG average was down .32 to 52.09 with the volume reported up 14%.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER Final majority prices for this week's deliveries were mostly unchanged in all areas with Ohio reporting TFEWR from last Monday's final majority. Whole broiler/fryer market tone was steady. Offerings were adequate for the light trade needs. Movement into all channels was light to good, mostly moderate. Floor stocks were adequate to well cleared, sizes desirable. Parts trading was fair to good for wings, otherwise light overall. Supplies of wings tight, whole breasts balanced and all other items fully adequate. Trade sentiment was fully steady to firm on wings, fully steady on whole breasts and cautiously steady on the balance of items.

DELMARVA BROILER/FRYERS Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was slow to fair at best. Seller offerings were fully adequate to ample at most plants and excess product was competitively priced. Live supplies were at least moderate; weights varied in a full range of light to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were unchanged at 51 to 65 cents. Trade sentiment was generally no better than steady. In the parts complex, buyer interest was light to fair and cautious. Wings continued to clear well. Bone-in breasts were moving into better balance. Other cuts were generally noted as at least adequate.

*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA **BRANDED U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	39-64
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	53.71
NO. OF BOXES	13,846

*7 of 8 plants reporting.

NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS Trucklot buying interest was mostly light to moderate entering the week as dealers remained somewhat cautious. Offerings of bone-in breasts were usually adequate to well cleared. Boneless-skinless breasts were at least adequate. Wings were in close balance and clearing well. Dark meat items were adequate to fully adequate. Movement into retail and distributive channels was light to fair. The market tone was steady.

ICE PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES, CENTS PER POUND

ITEM	CURRENT NEGOTIATED TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOLUME /LBS
BREAST - B/S	115-120	120.32	525,080
TENDERLOINS	130-135	133.44	123,680
BREAST - WITH RIBS	48-49	54.35	271,440
BREAST - LINE RUN	48	50.55	99,000
LEGS	33-34	35.62	277,760
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	20-21	21.34	436,206
DRUMSTICKS	26-27	33.19	211,320
THIGHS	30-31	30.29	255,370
B/S THIGHS	78-79	83.16	49,000
WINGS (WHOLE)	89-90	97.93	319,580
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	11.97	89,760
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	35-40	38.78	49,240
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	65-70	69.95	121,680

INCLUDES NEW YORK CITY METROPOLITAN AREA, NORTHERN NEW JERSEY, MASSACHUSETTS, CONNECTICUT, RHODE ISLAND, AND PENNSYLVANIA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

ARKANSAS BROILER/FRYER PARTS

F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND.

ITEM	LBS (000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	1,236	100.00-118.00	100-105	105.62
TENDERLOINS	82	109.00-198.00	-	118.86
BREAST - WITH RIBS	246	48.00-83.00	48-50	55.49
FRONT HALVES	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEGS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	679	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.94
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	2,953	18.00-21.00	18-19	19.02
WINGS (WHOLE)	85	79.00-89.00	84-89	86.02
DRUMSTICKS	NO TRADING REPORTED			
THIGHS	960	23.00-24.00	-	23.50

ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)

	ESTIMATE	ACTUAL	AVG WTS	ACTUAL	AVG WTS
	01/08	01/04	01/04	01/01	12/28
ALA	3,954	3,877	5.05	(A)	5.03
ARK	5,297	4,973	4.94	Holiday	5.06
DELMARVA	2,358	2,324	4.97	(A)	4.88
KY-LA-TN	1,968	1,893	4.42	Holiday	4.53
MISS	2,658	2,615	5.03	Holiday	5.09
NC	2,643	2,568	5.79	Holiday	5.88
TEXAS	2,320	2,280	4.76	(A)	4.94
TOTAL	21,198	20,530	5.01	Holiday	5.08
MON	21,198(B)			902(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 08-Jan 2001 is estimated to be 31,715,000 up from holiday a week ago and up 5.12 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 1,354,000, last year 30,170,000)

SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS F.O.B. DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, ICED OR CO2 PACKED, PRICES SHOWN ARE DAY OF SHIPMENT (INCLUDES CURRENT AND PRIOR NEGOTIATIONS), TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUME, CENTS PER POUND. **POUNDS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	883	104.00-190.00	125-132	126.39
TENDERLOINS	168	135.00-195.00	140-145	149.76
BREAST - LINE RUN	75	56.00-63.00	-	57.69
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	240	27.00-41.00	28-30	30.33
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	386	16.00-20.00	16-17	16.89
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,545	18.50-25.00	20-22	21.51
WINGS (WHOLE)	271	86.00-89.00	86-88	86.58
WINGS (CUT)	697	87.00-117.00	102-105	105.18
DRUMSTICKS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
B/S THIGHS	TOO FEW TO REPORT			

WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS
TRADING FOR JANUARY 08, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE	5-DAY AVERAGE
28.25 - 33.50	30.32	29.92

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity-type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

MIDWEST REGION BROILER/FRYER ICE-PACKED POOL TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES DELIVERED TO:

IL, IN, IA, KS, MI, MN, MO, NE, ND, OH, SD, AND WI

WEEK OF 08-JAN-2001 TO 12-JAN-2001, CENTS PER POUND

	Price Per Lb.	Mostly
BREAST - B/S	105.00 - 122.00	112.00 - 115.00
BREAST - LINE RUN	49.00 - 64.00	51.00 - 55.00
LEGS	19.00 - 42.00	-
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	18.00 - 25.00	19.00 - 20.00
DRUMSTICKS	34.00 - 41.00	-
THIGHS	26.00 - 37.00	-
WINGS (WHOLE)	84.00 - 94.00	86.00 - 89.00
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	12.00 - 20.00	-
LIVERS	25.00 - 46.00	-
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	35.00 - 48.00	-

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY, DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

	RANGE
WOGS 2# & UP - WHOLE	79-85
WOGS 2# & UP - CUT UP 8&9 PIECES	82-87
FROZEN HENS 5# & UP	81
FROZEN DUCKS	139
FROZEN SQUABS	589

DELIVERED TO RETAILERS IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA)

FRESH FRYERS	81-84
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	
HENS OVER 5#	81
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	294
RABBITS-CUT UP	299

SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY

DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS

FRESH FRYERS	DRY PACK	103-106
	ICE PACK	93-96
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	105-112
	DRY PACK	112-119
HENS OVER 5#	ICE PACK	98
	DRY PACK	91
DUCKS		152-166

EASTERN REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

05-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	22.00		312,000	416,000
WTD AVERAGE	22.00			

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	17.00-20.00	15.00-17.00	814,000	104,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.83	16.28		
15-20%				
RANGE	15.00-21.00	11.00-13.50	2,288,000	1,088,000
WTD AVERAGE	17.15	12.48		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	11.00	160,000	-
WTD AVERAGE		11.00		

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

CENTRAL REGION MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN

F.O.B. SHIPPER DOCK OR EQUIVALENT, PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR MECHANICALLY SEPARATED CHICKEN IN THE EASTERN REGION IN TRUCKLOT AND LESS THAN TRUCKLOT VOLUMES, CENTS PER POUND, DELIVERY WITHIN TWO WEEKS.

05-JAN-2001

CHICKEN

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE				

CHICKEN, WITH SKIN ADDED

—— PRICES —— VOLUME ——
(Cents per Pound)

FAT CONTENT	FROZEN	FRESH	TOTAL	EXPORT
15% OR LESS				
RANGE	20.00	12.00	122,400	40,800
WTD AVERAGE	20.00	12.00		
15-20%				
RANGE	17.00-19.50	10.50-12.50	1,224,000	693,600
WTD AVERAGE	19.00	11.40		
20% OR MORE				
RANGE	-	-	-	-
WTD AVERAGE	11.00			

* INCLUDES THE STATES OF CT, DE, FL, GA, MA, MD, ME, NC, NH, NJ, NY, PA, RI, SC, VA, VT, WV

*****NOTICE*****

"Effective January 5, 2001, all prices and volumes of mechanically separate chicken meat and chicken with added skin will be reported on an FOB shipper dock or equivalent basis so prices can be more accurately compared within and between regions."

SOUTH CENTRAL HEAVY LIVE HEN Prices were slightly higher compared to the past week. Demand was usually moderate for adequate supplies of heavy hens. Finished sales were fair with current schedules sufficient to cover needs. Trade sentiment was at least steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	6.75-11	7-9	7.99

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

SOUTHEAST HEAVY LIVE HEN Majority prices trended higher when compared to a week earlier. Demand was irregular but usually in a ranged of light to moderate. Offerings were about adequate to adequate. Processing plants were generally on normal schedules. Floor stocks of finished product were clearing and ranged from about adequate to short of trade requirements. The market tone was fully steady.

HEAVY TYPE HENS (7 POUNDS AND UP) *

FINAL PRICE, CENTS PER LB., GENERALLY FOR SLAUGHTER THE WEEK OF 08-JAN-01

	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
AT FARM BUYER LOADING	4-10.5	6-8.75	7.21

AT FARM PRODUCER LOADING TOO FEW TO REPORT

FOB PLANT TOO FEW TO REPORT

* WEIGHTS UNDER 7 LBS. SUBJECT TO DISCOUNT.

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